under recoveries on account of irrecoverable/non-recoverable State taxes including central sales tax are made up through the extant state surcharge scheme.

Use of CNG in all Government vehicles

2415. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Compressed Natural Gas is a pollution-free fuel;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take any concrete action to encourage use of this gas in the vehicles;

(c) whether it is also a fact that, so far, it is not being used even in the vehicles of Government Departments; and

(d) if so, by when Government will use this fuel in all Government vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various incentives such as concessional custom duty on import of CNG kit, lower price of CNG *vis-a-vis* other fuels, no sales tax on CNG in Delhi etc., have been offered to encourage use of CNG.

(c) and (d) CNG is already being used in large number of Government vehicles.

Oil in the Krishna-Godavari project in A.P.

2416. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC could find oil in a new structure in the Krishna-Godavari Project of Andhra Pradesh recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when would commercial extraction work would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) During the year 2000-2001, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has found oil in the two new structures in Krishna-Godavari project, *viz.* Suryaraopeta in West Godavari district and Gopavaram in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. The wells Suryaraopeta (SU-1) and Gopavaram (GM-1) are already on production.

Interview for the post of Director (Operation) in ONGC

2417. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted an interview recently for the post of Director (Operation) in ONGC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons empanelled for the said post;

(d) the criteria and norms fixed for the same;

(e) whether persons empanelled are having experience in reservoir, geology, drilling and processing systems apart from expert knowledge of production technologies;

(f) if not, the reasons of their selection;

(g) whether Government propose to scrap this panel as the post requires wide experience in the said fields; and

(h) if so, the details of necessary steps being taken or proposed to be taken in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Interviews for the post of Director (Operations) in ONGC were held by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) on 21.6.2000.